

**Frequently Asked Questions on the City of Birmingham's  
Curfew Ordinance  
Approved April 30, 2020**

**Why is there a curfew for the City of Birmingham?**

The Birmingham City Council amended the city's curfew because the spread of COVID-19 continues to pose a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens and visitors in the City.

Mayor Randall L. Woodfin proposed the curfew, and the Birmingham City Council approved the curfew on April 30, 2020.

**What are the hours for the curfew?**

The curfew shall be in effect daily from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

**How long will this curfew be in effect?**

The curfew will end at 5 p.m. on May 15, 2020.

**Who does the curfew apply and not apply to?**

This curfew does not apply to:

- Public Safety or emergency service activities, including but not limited to law enforcement, fire and rescue services, and emergency management agencies, first responders, crisis intervention workers, public health workers, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, law enforcement personnel and related contractors
- People employed by or contracted to utilities, cable and telecommunications companies
- People providing fire, police, sanitation, security, emergency and hospital services, food delivery services and other deliveries or merchandise or mail
- People seeking essential services or commodities; people seeking medical treatment
- People supplying or restocking businesses in order to provide essential services or products, i.e. home improvement, groceries, fuel delivery locations, pharmacies or other retailers offering emergency supplies, transportation of fuels, movement of equipment and personnel for the provision of humanitarian support, and movement of equipment necessary for the protection of critical infrastructure or public safety
- Businesses that provided food and grocery services that were open during the city's Shelter-in-Place order
- People employed by the federal, state, county or city government or their agencies working within the course and scope of their public service employment. Employees shall follow any current or future instructions regarding performance of their duties, including working from home, issued by their respective employers.

- People experiencing homelessness within the City

**Any other exceptions?**

People may lawfully leave their residence during curfew hours only to engage in the following activities:

I. Essential Activities:

- Visiting a health or veterinary care professional
- Obtaining medical supplies or medication
- Obtaining grocery items or food items for the household or delivering to others
- To engage in any travel-related matters
- Returning to one's place of residence from outside the City
- Traveling to one's place of residence located outside the City
- Traveling through the City from one location outside the City to another location outside the City
- Traveling to or from a place of business that provides essential services

II. Outdoor Activities:

- Walking
- Hiking
- Running
- Cycling
- Use of scooters
- Roller skating
- Skateboarding
- Other personal mobility devices
- Travel in a vehicle with household members to a location where it is possible to walk, hike, run or ride a bike, or operate personal mobility devices, while maintaining social distancing practices.

Indoor and outdoor playgrounds for children, except those located within childcare centers, shall be closed for all purposes.

III. Work in Support of Essential Activities:

To perform work providing essential products and services or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in the ordinance.

IV. To care for or support a friend, family member, or pet in another household.

V. Provision of essential goods and services.

This includes those businesses and activities deemed essential by the Order of the State Health Officer.

